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2 September 1949

About 20 twin-engine Pe-2s had recently arrived at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield. Fifteen single-engine aircraft with in-line engines and two biplanes were also parked there.

11 September 1949

Twelve searchlights with their crews arrived at the field.

14 to 19 September 1949

Trucks loaded with bombs continually traveled from the railroad station to the airfield.

6 September 1949

4. Fifteen twin-engine aircraft, covered with tarpaulins, were parked at the COTTBUS airfield. There was heavy truck traffic, loaded with furniture and billeting equipment, from the freight station to the field.

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13 September 1949

5. A row of 12 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engine and double rudder assemblies the same type as those observed at the FINOW (N 52/V 08) airfield, were parked on the northern edge of the COTTBUS field. There was no flying.

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6. Workers did grading work in the western section of the field where the runway was being extended across the road to GULBERG (N 52/A 57) (location see Annex). Concrete mixers were not observed. An anti-aircraft gun emplacement of two about 20-mm guns and a presumed range finder were located at the south-western corner of the field. The gun crew was quartered in bunkers. [REDACTED]

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Comment:

a. Report confirms the arrival of a bomber unit equipped with He-29.\* According to the reported [REDACTED] this bomber unit was previously stationed in ORANIENBURG. [REDACTED] reported the transfer of units from ORANIENBURG.\*\* The ground attack aircraft previously stationed in COPTBUS were presumably transferred to LOEBENITZ and SCHOENWALDE.

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b. The reported expansion work on the western edge of the field was confirmed.\* The EW-runway is apparently being extended toward the west.

1 Annex: Airfield of COPTBUS.

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